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SUBJ: COMMENTS ON MEETING SEPT 22, 1976 (SALT TWO - 1087)

1. AT TODAY'S MEETING SEMENOV MADE BRIEF STATEMENT ON WHEN MIRV LAUNCHERS COME INTO INVENTORY, PROPOSING AS SUBSTITUTE FOR PREVIOUS LANGUAGE THAT THIS BE "IN FINAL STAGES OF CONVERSION." IN PRIVATE MEETING HE REAFFIRMED THAT THEY DESIRED TO MAINTAIN THEIR PROPOSAL FOR ARTICLE VI TO THE EFFECT THAT LAUNCHERS WOULD BE REMOVED FROM MIRV AGGREGATE "AT BEGINNING OF CONVERSION" FROM MIRV STATUS.

2. I MADE STATEMENT ON MIRV VERIFICATIONS, ADDRESSING QUESTIONS OF WHICH BALLISTIC MISSILES ARE TO BE CONSIDERED MIRVED AND WHICH LAUNCHERS ARE TO BE CONSIDERED MIRV LAUNCHERS, CITING THE DERAZHNYA AND PERVOMAYSK COMPLEXES AS PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF THESE PRINCIPLES. I SAID THAT UNDER U.S. PROPOSAL ALL LAUNCHERS AT THOSE COMPLEXES WOULD BE CONSIDERED MIRV LAUNCHERS AND ASKED WHAT THEIR SITUATION WOULD BE UNDER SOVIET APPROACH, STATING THAT IF UNDER SOVIET APPROACH NOT ALL WOULD BE CONSIDERED MIRV LAUNCHERS "IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW THE BASIS FOR THE DISTINCTION WHICH IS MADE BETWEEN THOSE WHICH ARE CONSIDERED MIRV

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LAUNCHERS AND THOSE WHICH ARE NOT." IN OUR PRIVATE MEETING I

SAID OUR QUESTIONS IN THIS REGARD WERE NOT RHETORICAL, BUT RATHER A GENUINE EFFORT TO DISCOVER WHAT IF ANY DIFFERENCES THERE WERE BETWEEN US ON PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF OUR VARIOUS FORMULATIONS. I SAID OUR PURPOSE WAS NOT TO CREATE DIFFICULTIES, BUT RATHER TO IDENTIFY WHAT DIFFICULTIES MAY EXIST AND IF SO TO SEEK WAYS OF RESOLVING THEM. HE SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD.

3. I SAID THAT AT OUR NEXT PRIVATE MEETING ON TUESDAY, SEPT 28, I HOPED TO DISCUSS WITH HIM AGREED STATEMENT FOR PARA 3 OF ARTICLE XVI, PARTICULARLY THOSE ELEMENTS IN THEIR PROPOSAL REGARDING RELEMETRY. HE SAID HE AGREED.

4. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MORNING OF SEPT 29 AT US MISSION. JOHNSON

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